

Questions for The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time

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1. When Christopher is told that his mother has died, what is his response (pp. 26-28, chapter 53).
2. In chapter 53, as in many other chapters, he intersperses short sentences into his narrative. In fact, some of his paragraphs in this chapter are only one sentence long. What kind of information is conveyed in these short paragraphs?
3. What is significant about the beginning of chapter 59, the very next chapter? Where has the discussion of his mother gone, and why?
4. Everybody processes the ideas of death and dying differently. Christopher, on pp. 33-34, discusses his rabbit's death, his mother's death, and the idea of dying. In what ways does Christopher's scientific, factual interpretation also end up being a kind of consolation for him or for us?
5. Chapter 67 gives us a wonderful glimpse into the world of non-autistic persons, through the eyes of an autistic person. Examine, for example, the tee-shirt slogan that Christopher quotes on p. 36, and his comments on the idea of "chatting," on the top of p. 40. When you see bits and pieces of your own world isolated and discussed, in the way that Christopher isolates and discusses them, how does your own world appear to you now?